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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL COOPERATION ON EARTHQUAKE PREDICTION

PROPOSED BY U.S. EXPERT.

1. AT CURRENT SEMINAR IN TOKYO ON EARTHQUAKE PREDICTION BEING HELD UNDER NSF/JSPS AUSPICES, DR. FRANK PRESS OF MIT PROPOSED EXISTING BILATERAL COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIPS AMONG U.S., JAPAN, USSR, AND PRC ON EARTHQUAKE PREDICTION BE CONVERTED TO A MULTILATERAL EFFORT BY THE FOUR COUNTRIES. SPECIFICALLY, PRESS SUGGESTED THAT FOUR COUNTRIES FORM A JOINT COMMITTEE TO DETERMINE LOCATION OF FUTURE SEISMIC OBSERVATION STATIONS. IN RESPONSE, PROF. JIRO SUZUKI OF TOHOKU UNIV. EXPRESSED OPINION THAT PRESENT POLITICAL

SITUATION WOULD PRECLUDE FORMING SUCH A COOPERATIVE VENTURE. PRESS ANSWERED THAT REGARDLESS OF SUCH AN OBSTACLE HE WILL PUSH FOR FOUR-NATION PROGRAM AT INTERNATIONAL UNION OF GEODESY AND GEOPHYSICS EARTHQUAKE CONFERENCE TO BE HELD LATER THIS YEAR IN ENGLAND.

2. FYI: WE ASSUME THAT PROPOSAL WAS MADE BY DR. PRESS IN HIS OWN NAME AND DID NOT REPRESENT A TRIAL BALLOON ON UNCLASSIFIED

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